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UTM Faculty Displays
See how faculty members are utilizing technology in and out of the classroom.

Macromedia Breeze Webcast
Ellen Wagner, Director of Higher Education Strategy for Macromedia at 12:45 p.m. in UC 111.
Participants can register to win copies of Macromedia Studio, Contribute and Captivate

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Compete for great prizes featuring Halo 2 in the UC Gameroom from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Featuring representatives from Apple, HP, Dell, Dell Printer Division, Gateway, Howard, Matrix and more.

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Tennessee lawmakers are joining in on a national move to keep controversial topics out of the classroom

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'Academic Freedom' sparks debate

State bill touted to protect students from biased teaching

Samantha Young
News Editor

An "academic bill of rights" was proposed in the Tennessee legislature on Feb. 3. Tennessee joins nine other states with such bills pending. Only one state, Colorado, has passed such a bill. Another bill has been sent to committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

These bills are based on the Academic Bill of Rights developed by David Horowitz, a conservative activist and founder of Students for Academic Freedom (SAF). SAF is "concerned about the treatment of conservative students as second class citizens and the abuse of the classroom by faculty who used their positions of authority as educators to pursue political agendas," according to an article in Horowitz's FrontPage Magazine.

Tennessee's bill, introduced by Sen. Raymond Finney (R-Maryville) and Rep. Stacey Campfield (R-Knoxville), seeks to "recognize students' rights to academic freedom and rights to freedom from discrimination on the basis of political or religious beliefs."

The bill also seeks to "develop, monitor and enforce a statewide institutional grievance procedure" by which any student attending a state-sponsored university may seek redress for any alleged violations of the rights specified by the bill.

Senate Bill 1117/House Bill 432 lists these rights as:

- the right to expect that their academic freedom will not be infringed upon by instructors

What it means
The bill, if it becomes law, would allow students to file a formal complaint against a professor who teaches with a perceived religious or political bias.

Visit pacer.utm.edu for a full copy of the legislation.

who create a hostile environment toward their political or religious beliefs or who introduce controversial matter into the classroom or course work that is substantially unrelated to the subject of study;

- the right to expect that they will be graded solely on the basis of their reasoned answers and appropriate knowledge of the subjects they study and that they shall not be discriminated against on the basis of their political or religious beliefs;

- the right to expect that their academic institutions shall distribute student fee funds on a viewpoint-neutral basis and shall maintain a posture of neutrality with respect to substantive political or religious disagreements, differences, and opinions; and

- the right to be fully informed of their institutions' grievance procedures for violations of academic freedom by means of notices prominently displayed in course catalogues, student handbooks, and on the institutional web site.

The reaction from faculty members has been less than positive.

"The teacher who avoids mentioning Charles Darwin in a science class hurts his students," said Dr. Daniel Pigg, professor of English and president of the Faculty Senate.

Pigg also pointed out that such a bill would effectively ban using the Socratic method of teaching. "Sometimes professors say things just to shock students. That's been part of learning for a long time."

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Tom Rakes thinks the bill would prove redundant.

"It appears to me that our campus already has ample procedures and guidelines in place to ensure not only academic freedom but protection for both students and faculty," Rakes said.

However, the idea of such an "academic bill of rights" has received a warm reception from some students.

"It sounds good to me," said Jonathan Coble, a freshman computer science major from Humboldt. "I don't think they should discriminate on grades."

Others support the bill in theory, but are concerned about limitations such a bill could put on professors' speech.

"I think it could restrict [professors] some, but there's still other stuff they could talk about," said Ethan Porter, a sophomore accounting major from Cordova.

Student finds car, but other valuables still lost

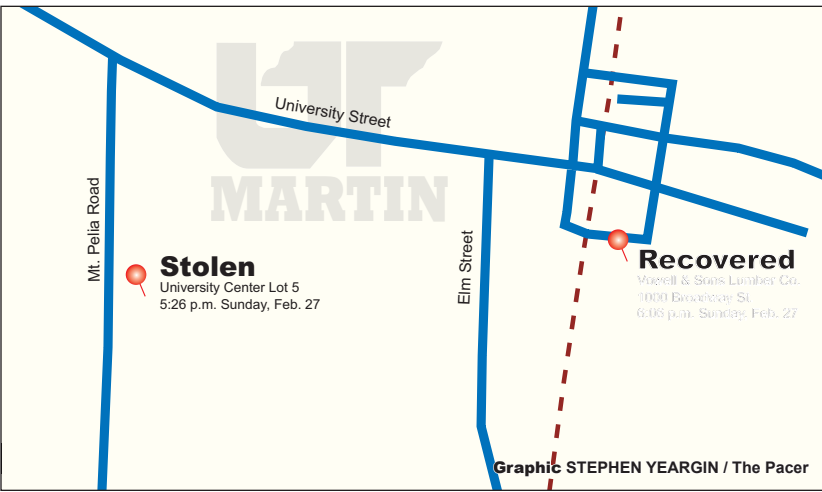
Will York
Asst. News Editor

Public Safety is investigating the Sunday evening theft of a vehicle from the UC parking lot.

The victim, a 23-year-old female UTM student, reported her green 1992 Geo Storm missing at about 5:30 p.m. on Sunday from a 30 minute parking space in the UC parking lot after she recognized that her keys were missing.

The vehicle was recovered by UTM student Tamekia Dancy at Vowell and Sons Lumber Company, located at 1000 Broadway St., at 6:06 p.m., but the victim reported that her car CD player, three textbooks, a black bag with sorority letters, a sorority pin and sorority history book were missing. The victim also said the last photograph made of her mother before her death was missing.

The victim was attending the Founders' Day program for the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in Watkins Auditorium Sunday



night. The sorority then left the auditorium and went outside to take a photograph, and the victim left her keys on the audio control desk in the auditorium. Later, she noticed her keys were missing.

"I really thought it was a joke," the victim said. "I didn't think it was gone for real."

When officers arrived at Vowell and Sons, where Dancy found the vehicle, they found that the

keys to the car were missing. The keys were attached to a UTM student ID case and contained the victim's student ID, driver's license and two Union Planters bank cards.

The vehicle was valued at \$3000, and the lost bag, books and CD player were valued at \$350.

There are currently no leads or suspects in the case, but an investigation by Public Safety is ongoing.

Student Health

Concern builds over increased cases of flu

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

The flu bug has hit West Tennessee and is taking its toll on the students at UTM. Student Health offers advice on how to prevent getting the flu.

Director of Student Health, Shannon Deal, said that Student Health has seen many students who have had the flu within the last two weeks. "Since Feb. 10, we have seen almost 200 cases of the flu," Deal said. This time of year Student Health usually only sees 24 patients a day. Now, Deal said they are seeing as high as 35 students daily.

Deal said that she is working closely with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Katie High and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Tom Rakes to inform faculty of the risks that are involved when students attend classes while having the flu.

"They have been strongly encouraged to exhibit understanding for the students," Deal said.

But, understanding does not necessarily mean your classes will be excused even if you have the flu. A campus announcement released on Banner from Rakes said that, "Faculty members are not required to excuse a flu-related absence, but they will appreciate the fact that you took the time to seek treatment."

Freshmen Jon-Michael St. Amant is one student who has experienced this first hand. Student Health diagnosed St. Amant with the flu earlier this week.

"I have the flu and yesterday I still had to go take my math test

Health Tips

For ways to prevent getting the flu, and to keep from spreading it, they offer these tips from <http://cdc.gov>:

1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze—throw the tissue away after you use it.
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If you are not near water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
3. Stay away as much as you can from people who are sick.
4. If you get the flu, stay home from work or school. If you are sick, do not go near other people so that you don't make them sick too.
5. Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs often spread this way.

because my professor won't let me reschedule the test," St. Amant said.

"I was told I couldn't reschedule the test for a later date, only an earlier one," St. Amant explains. "But, if I am sick, and can't study, then how can I reschedule for an earlier date? And, if I am doing the whole class a favor by not infecting them and maybe even the teacher, shouldn't I get a break?" St. Amant asks.

Deal said that if people with the flu continue to go to class then the campus is not going to be able to beat the virus. "As long as students and staff continue to attend class and engage in activities while they are ill, the viruses will remain on campus,"

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Technology Showcase set for today in UC

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

The UC will be abuzz today with the fourth annual 2005 Technology Showcase.

Headlining the event will Dr. Kenneth C. Green, director and founder of the "Campus Computing Project." He will speak at 11 a.m. in the Legislative Chambers (UC 111).

The "Campus Computing Project" is the largest continuing study of the role of information technology in American higher education. For the last four years, the Technology Showcase has brought hands-on examples of the latest in educational technology.

UTM professors will

be on hand to demonstrate how they use computers in and out of the classroom to improve the learning process.

Local and national vendors from Apple, HP, Dell and others will also be on hand.

Ellen Wagner, Director of higher education strategy for Macromedia, Inc. will be on hand at 12:45 p.m. to give a presentation on the Macromedia Breeze Webcast, a software tool used for creating online demonstration.

For a little bit of fun, the Technology Showcase will also feature an Xbox Gaming Tournament. Participants will be competing for various prizes.

The event is sponsored by the UTM ITC.

	Tuesday - Monday						
	March 1-7, 2005						
	BREAKFAST						
TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	
French Toast Sticks Omelets to Order	Buttermilk Pancakes Omeletes to Order	French Toast Sticks Omelets to Order	French Toast Omelets to Order			Buttermilk Pancakes Omelets to Order	
LUNCH							
Deli bar is available each day.							
Classics	Chicken Nuggets	Tater Tot Casserole	Sloppy Joe	Parmesan Over Fried Codi	Sausage Patties	Friedzied Ham	Smothered Southem Pork Chop
Grill	Patty Melt	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Grilled Turkey Melt	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Chicken Patty Sandwich		Chicken Patty Sandwich
Fire	Beef & Broccoli Sotfy	Chicken Jambalaya	Nachos Supreme w/ Beef	Seafood Salad Wrap			Buffalo Chicken Salad Wrap
Ice	Focaccia Turkey Sandwich	Beef & Caramelized Onions	California BLT Wrap	Beef Fajitas			Beef Tostitos
Pizza	Mushroom's Pizza	Mexica Beef Pizza	Hot Italian sausage Pizza	Bacon Ranch Ultimate Pizza	Cheese & Peppermi	Cheese & Peppermi	BBQ Chicken Pizza
Pasta Toss is available each day.							
DINNER							
Deli bar is available each day.							
Classics	Southern-style Meatloaf	Chicken Patty Parmesan	Chicken Fried Steak w/ Cream Gravy	Spaghetti & Meatballs w/ Sauce	BBQ Pork Cutlet	Country Fried Steak w/ Cream Gravy	Chicken Tortilla Casserole
Grill	Patty Melt	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Grilled Turkey Melt	Chicken Patty Sandwich			Chicken Patty Sandwich
Fire	Beef & Cheese Quesadilla w/ Herb Mayo	Ham & Potato Casserole	Havens Rancheros		Surfme Scallion		Veggie Nachos
Pizza	Mushroom's Pizza	Mexica Beef Pizza	HOT Italian sausage Pizza	Bacon Ranch Ultimate Pizza	Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza	Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza	BBQ Chicken Pizza

Letters to the Editor

SGA president calls on all students to consider service

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Student Body President for the past year. I love UT Martin and am extremely grateful for all of the support I have received during my tenure. However, as my term nears an end, we must all begin to focus on the future of our Student Government Association.

Since we now have the highest enrollment ever at UT Martin our Student Senate seats have been adjusted and there will soon be an unprecedented 23 seats available. These are 23 amazing opportunities.

As a Senator you will represent the students within your own academic college and will possess all the legislative powers of the entire student body. The future and success of the Student

Government Association will soon belong to those who chose to run for Student Senate and who shall ultimately represent the entire student body.

So, I strongly encourage you to pick up the 2005 Elections Packet today either in the SGA Office (214 University Center) or online at <http://sga.utm.edu>.

Dusty Dean
Student Body President
Huntingdon

Weakley County Red Cross thanks greeks, campus

The Weakley County Chapter of the American Red Cross was honored to receive a wonderful donation during the Greekfest Awards night.

There are no words to

adequately express our most sincere appreciation to all the greeks and greek councils as well as to Shawn Nanney and his Leaders in Residence class for all they did for us.

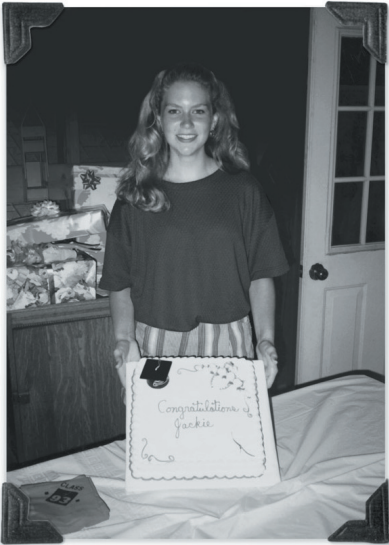
We also thank Melanie Young's Freshman Experience Class for all they did for us.

These donations came at a time when they were needed very much. You threw us a lifeline and long after you have forgotten us, we will remember you.

We are very proud to be associated with the fine students at UTM. Your willingness to help others is exemplary.

Again, we extend our most sincere thanks to all of you.

Cindy Young
Chapter Manager,
Weakley County ARC



Jackie Esworthy was killed by a drunk driver one week after her high school graduation.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk?
Whatever you have to.
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Sunday, April 3



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UC Information Desk

The buses will leave Martin at noon. The doors for the Fed Ex Forum open at 5 p.m. Tip off is at 7 p.m.

Midnight Basketball

Campus Recreation

Friday, March 4
at 10 p.m., Skyhawk Arena

For more information
call 881-7745

SAC 8-BALL TOURNAMENT



MARCH 1 - 3
UC GAMEROOM

DROP BY THE UC GAMEROOM
TODAY AND SIGN UP FOR
PLAY TIMES!

TOURNEY FINALS ARE ON
MARCH 3 AT 6 P.M.
UC GAMEROOM

news, briefly

Two brush with police after paintball incident

Will York
Asst. News Editor

Two UTM students were arraigned yesterday on charges of vandalism for shooting cars with paintballs.

Adam Reeves, 18, of Union City, and Winstin Thomas, 19, of Eads, both freshmen, were arrested at about 11:30 a.m. last Thursday at the Martin Place apartments. Four Martin Place residents informed Martin Police Department dispatchers that vehicles had been shot with paintballs during the night near building number 200.

Patrol Officer Stacy Bostwick arrived at the scene and found that seven vehicles were shot during the night. Further investigation revealed that the two suspects shot the vehicles with paintball guns, and Reeves and Thomas both admitted to Officer Bostwick that they had shot the vehicles.

Four vehicles sustained damage, while the other three only required washing with water.

Reeves and Thomas will be tried in Weakley County General Sessions Court at 8:30 a.m. on April 6. Both will be prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office.

Brannon declared PSE's 'UTM Idol'

Jessica Spicer
Chi Omega Correspondent

Lauren Brannon, a senior marketing major from Alamo, claimed the 2005 UTM Idol title for the second year in a row for her performance of "I Heard it through the Grapevine."

The event was sponsored by Pi Sigma Epsilon (PSE), a national sales and marketing fraternity at UTM.

Erica McGregor, a freshman communications Clarks-ville, and Joel Malin, a junior music major from South Ful-ton, took home first runner-up for their duet, "Audience of One."

Emily Essary, freshman chemistry major from Dyersburg, was named second runner-up for her performance of "The First Cut is the Deepest."

The contestants performed and were voted on by the audience. The audience's vote determined the winners. The sisters of Chi Omega received the Participation Award at the event, which contributed to their points for 2006 Greekfest.

During intermission, Jaida Cooke, a junior elementary education major from Crockett Mills, commented, "Lauren Brannon was my favorite, because the song she sang seemed to fit her personality well. She appeared to really have fun singing it."

"I enjoyed the experience of UTM Idol, I have been singing since I was six years old and I aspire to one day actually be a contestant on

American Idol," said Melvin Isabel, a senior music education major from Cordova.

The UTM Idol competition had a variety of styles and songs presented to the crowd. The show was also broadcast live on WUTM 90.3 FM.

"I think it is great that an organization on campus can get students involved and have such a good turnout" said Pamela Bartholomew, a senior agriculture education major from Decaturville.

"We were pleased with the turnout of contestants and the audience. The numbers for each rose more than double from last year," said Beth Grissom, Vice President of finance of PSE and a junior accounting and marketing major from South Fulton.

"Our goals this year for UTM Idol were to showcase the talent of the student body as well as to raise funds for PSE national conference," said Bynum.

The UTM PSE chapter will attend the National PSE conference, March 2-3, in Miami, Fla.

"UTM Idol was a great opportunity to allow each of the contestants to show their vocal abilities. However, the show could not have been such a success with out the support of our members and the university," said Jake Bynum, president of PSE and a junior marketing major from Dresden.

UTM FFA celebrates National FFA Week

Neena Shetsky
Staff Writer

The UTM Collegiate FFA celebrated the National FFA Week with their second annual UTM National FFA Goodwill Tour Banquet held on Monday, Feb. 21, in the UC Ballroom.

Every year during the National FFA Week, the Tennessee Association FFA State Officers travel across the state to promote the National FFA and the Tennessee Association FFA. This year, four state officers attended the UTM banquet: West Tennessee Vice President Becky Dykes, East Tennessee Vice President John David Boring, State Sentinel Michael Coley, and State President Adam Tipton.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. LeeRoy Kiesling, a former UT Martin professor and Professor Emeritus. Dr. Kiesling talked about leadership and how being a part of the FFA help him develop the skills needed to be successful in the agriculture industry and in his life in general. Dr. Kiesling became the Chair of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources after being a Professor of Occupational Education. Dr. Kiesling was a specialist in Agricultural Education and worked for the FFA and as Tennessee State Commander



of the American Legion.

FFA Western Regional Vice President Brian Hogue from Arizona State University was also a speaker. He spoke on the famous blue jacket that FFA members wear and its importance. Former Middle Tennessee Vice President Allie Shrum and former West Tennessee Vice President Leanne Quinn did a presentation on what exactly the UTM Collegiate FFA does for the school and the community.

Pamela Bartholomew, UTM Collegiate FFA president, said, "Collegiate FFA

is one of the largest agricultural organizations on the UTM campus having 60 paid members. The UTM Collegiate FFA is an extension of High School FFA programs except for one very important thing, you don't have to be an agriculture major, taken an agriculture class, or even been in FFA in High School to be a part of the organization. I have thoroughly enjoyed by time spent in the UTM Collegiate FFA. Being president has been only one of the wonderful experiences I have achieved during my time as a member of FFA."

There have been six past National FFA officers that are currently attending UTM and one present officer, Christopher Cherry from Henderson, Tenn.

SIFE earns grant to aid high school students

University Relations

The Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization at the UTM recently received a grant of \$5,000 from the Marcus Foundation to fund a program for economically challenged high school students in the northwest Tennessee area, primarily in Weakley, Obion, Carroll and Henry counties.

The program, Students and Educators for Regional Entrepreneurship (SERE), will benefit these students by teaching them the necessary skills to positively impact their own lives and to use their knowledge to help others in the community. The program will focus on a co-operative effort between fac-

ulty and students in six area high schools, with help from the UT Martin SIFE organization.

One UTM SIFE committee member will be assigned to each school to aid in the success and instruction of students. SERE students will receive direct instruction by SIFE members on the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship. SERE students will be divided into teams to develop service projects designed to positively impact the surrounding community and gain practical application knowledge of the curriculum. These projects will be presented to a panel of area business professionals at the end of the year. SERE teams also will have the opportu-

nity to compete against each other creating mock businesses and developing various products and services.

SIFE members will mentor SERE students based on the needs of each individual. Each student will receive help in his or her contribution to the SERE team, assistance in academics and counseling on higher education, specific to the individual's interests. As SERE members enter their last two years of high school, they will be prepared for exit exams, the college application process and scholarship opportunities.

"My philosophy for advising revolves around the fact that the students are in charge. The year is half over and I am proud to report

that this organization has recruited more than 50 members this year from across campus, produced outstanding speakers for the fall entrepreneur day and written a grant for expanding SIFE ideals into our area high schools. It is amazing what these students can accomplish if we will step back and allow them to take the lead," said Dr. Michael Boyd, UTM assistant professor of management and interim SIFE adviser.

For more information about SIFE or the SERE program, contact Erich Stogner, UTM SIFE president, at (731) 881-8982 or erichstogner@esife.org.



Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

12:17 p.m., Feb. 21 University Center

Subjects were repotted to be blocking entrances around the cafeteria, and dispersed when the officer arrived.

12:43 p.m., Feb. 21 Business Administration Bldg.

A subject was reported to be feeling faint. She was treated at the scene by EMS and then transported to Student Health.

2:43 p.m., Feb. 21 Bob Carroll Football Bldg.

A piece of equipment could not be accounted for during an inventory and was sent to a surplus sale.

7:30 a.m., Feb. 22 University Courts

A student was arrested for domestic assault and jailed at the Weakley County Sheriff's Office.

9:24 a.m., Feb. 25 University St.

A motorist was issued a citation for a crosswalk violation and was referred to Martin city court.

1:35 p.m., Feb. 25 Ag Pavilion

A visitor reported a verbal confrontation with another visitor. The report is on file.

1:06 a.m., Feb. 26 Martin Place

A subject was cited for violation of the drinking age law and was referred to General Sessions Court.

1:20 p.m., Feb. 27 Lot 19, Browning Hall

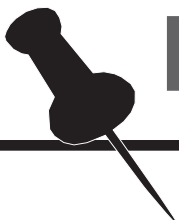
A subject reported their vehicle involved in a hit and run accident. Investigation continues.

5:26 p.m., Feb. 27 Lot 5, University Center

A subject reported her vehicle stolen. The vehicle was later found downtown, but the CD player and other items were missing. Investigation continues.

5:51 p.m., Feb. 27 Lot 19, Browning Hall

A subject reported their vehicle involved in a hit and run accident. Investigation continues.



Pacer Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@mars.utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Communications Banquet

Tickets for the Communications Department Awards and Recognitions Banquet are on sale now through March 24 at the UC Information Desk. The banquet will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 1, in the UC Ballroom. Tickets for the banquet buffet are \$10 each.

Design Opportunity

UTM students will be the first in a three-year cycle that will be able to design the UT system winter holiday greeting card. The card will be sent out by UT system president Dr. John Petersen during the Christmas 2005 holiday.

Any full-time student at UTM

is eligible to submit a design by April 15, 2005. The design should reflect the UT system or UTM instead of the state of Tennessee, and should have a secular and culturally inclusive design.

There will be 3-5 designs sent to Petersen, who will then choose the final design. The student whose design is chosen will receive a suitable award. The UTM campus and designer will also receive recognition on the card.

For more information, contact the SGA office at (731) 881-7794.

English Society Film Series

The English Society will be hosting the film "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3 in Watkins Auditorium.

Faculty Women's Club

The Faculty Women's Club will host a luncheon on March 9 in observance of Women's History Month. The guest speaker will be Tracey Sharp, editor of the Weakley County Press, speaking on "Women in Media." Serving will start at 11:30 a.m. UC 206, with the speaker to begin at 12:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the UC Information Desk. For free child care during the event, call Annie Schommer at (731) 588-0794 by March 6. For more information, call Penny Moser at (731) 588-5766.

Gamma Kappa Pi Dinner & Silent Auction

The sisters of Gamma Kappa Pi will hold a dinner and silent auction to benefit LeBonheur Children's Hospital. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 in the UC Ballroom. All are invited to enjoy a meal and bid on prizes. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from any sister.

For more information please contact Jessica Torrento at (615) 513-2443.

Philosophy Forum

The UTM Philosophy Forum presents Dr. Stephen Griffith, professor at Lycoming College in Williamsburgh, Penn. Griffith will give a lecture called "Mira-

cles and the Shroud of Turin," at 7 p.m. today in UC 230 B&C.

SABER Meeting

The next SABER meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today in UC 229.

Upcoming Campus Interviews

University Directories will be interviewing applicants on Thursday, March 3 for a paid internship position as a sales and marketing representative in Martin.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Employment Information Services, UC 215.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Abney, Hobbs art exhibit currently on display in Fine Arts Gallery

Mary Beth Lewis
Staff Writer

Family, friends and faculty gathered for the opening of Brannon Hobbs and Michael Abney's art exhibit, which began on Tues., Feb. 15, in the fine arts gallery. Both exhibits will run for two weeks.

Christopher Turner, a senior Communications major from Memphis, explained the air in the room by saying, "The art exhibit shows that all the hard work has paid off."

Hobbs, a senior from Germantown, chose a poster he had designed for Phi Beta Sigma Week of 2003 as his favorite piece. "I love this piece because of my love for the 1960s and the 70s demonstrated in the use of retro type characters used in the poster."

His exhibit entitled "Philosophical Creativity" includes many posters completed for different organizations on campus, as well as a wonderful display of craftsmanship and personality shown in different ways. Each piece stands alone in a unique, mature way. The



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Michael Abney with Hobb's godmother looking at his art that is currently on display in the Fine Arts Gallery.

poster announcing the event draws you in, not only to the event itself, but to a certain time era or place, becoming part of the art in the poster. When asked who his inspiration was for the work, Hobb's said, "I was

inspired by poster artists of the 60's and 70's such as Lee Conklin, Stanley Mouse, Alton Kelley and Bob Masse. They created psychedelic posters for rock concerts at Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco, California. Their



MARY BETH LEWIS/The Pacer

Brandon Hobbs poses with his Phi Beta Sigma 2003 poster along with his other works currently on display.

posters intertwined text and figures. They created very innovative and unique designs."

Terrance Shaw, a Criminal Justice major from Memphis, felt that Hobbs's work "exemplifies what art is and is

expressed by its simplicity."

Abney's favorite piece he has chosen to display is a lamp made from an old computer screen. "It was a reflection of myself, of the creativity in the art and also my work on computers," Abney said.

Fellow graphic design major Will Cook said, "Abney's work combines simplistic design, a good sense of humor and good photographic sense to create a great whole." Abney's exhibit includes not only graphic design work, but also many selections

of pottery and clay.

Another unique piece is a fisherman designed from intertwined wire molded in the form of the man. The photography work done by Abney shows that art can

be funny. Many pictures are recreations of covers from magazines such as *The National Enquirer*. A large number of Abney's work uses humor, but several pieces have a serious side, with each showing the great talent Abney has for graphic design and photography. Abney is from Martin and will graduate in May with a degree in Graphic Design.

When Diane Shaw, Asst. Art Professor, was asked to comment on the student art exhibit from a professional's point of view, she said, "The one thing that I noticed about Brannon's work is the consistency. That is something that an artist of any type needs to develop. It shows a sense of direction in the work. With regard to Michael's work, I particularly was impressed with his ceramic pieces. They were well thought out in design and different. I am particularly fond of hand-built pieces because of their uniqueness. Overall, both shows were tastefully done."

Choctaw Drum Group gave inspirational performance at Civil Rights Conference

Jessica Spicer
Staff Writer

The Choctaw Drum Group performed a variety of musical expressions for students, faculty and the community during the 2005 Civil Rights Conference held at the UTM.

The show featured the Shuti Ikbe tribe, better known as the Choctaw Drum Group, which consists of Cubert Bell Jr., leader of the group and his younger relatives.

All events for the day were in honor of Tennessee Commissioner of Indian Affairs Evangeline "Van"

Lynch, who has been ill and recently underwent surgery. The evening began as guests entered Watkins Auditorium during the performance of J.J. Kent's playing the flute.

The Choctaw Drum Group then entered the stage bringing in a huge, round drum, then sang songs while playing the drum. One drummer started the song and the rest of the group joined in. The group that performed consisted of seven men, all of different ages. The songs were sung in a high tone and volume.

One special healing song and dance was performed by

the group. The story of the healing song began many years ago when an elderly grandmother prayed to the heavens, begging for a cure for her sick grandchild. She was told that to help with the sickness of her granddaughter she needed to gather enough shells for every day of the year, place a prayer in each one and assemble them together. She did this and her granddaughter was healed.

The Choctaw Drum Group decided to do the healing song and dance in honor of Lynch. The group was accompanied by dancer, Nikki Bell

who was dressed in a red ensemble with shells in a wrapping pattern at the bottom of her skirt. She accompanied the group by dancing to the beat of the drum.

"The healing song was really interesting. The dancer and the group all showed so much passion in their songs and dance," said Jennifer Spencer, a junior Education major from Cordova.

The last song performed by the group was in honor of Lynch as well. The lead singer of the group announced that he had composed the song and felt Lynch gave him the encouragement to

do so.

The group proposed that the audience come by and give Lynch a hand during the song. Throughout the final song members from the crowd came to the front of the auditorium to greet her.

"I enjoyed the show. I think it is always interesting to experience things from a variety of cultures," said Jenna Black, a freshman Elementary Education major

from Alamo.

The Choctaw Drum Group concluded their performance and Lynch's daughter and husband expressed their gratitude to the group.

For more information about the group, contact Dr. Brent Cox, organizer of the 2005 Civil Rights Conference, at bcox@utm.edu.

Collegiate Concert Choir: A vocal celebration of civil rights

Cheng-ho Chen
Staff Writer

The Collegiate Choir Concert was an event that celebrated African-American history. It was held on Wed., Feb 23 at Watkins Auditorium during the Civil Rights Conference.

The Collegiate Choir showed the audience how civil rights was connected with choir. During the time of slavery, slaves were hoping to be freed and showed their emotions by singing. The choir consisted of UTM students.

"I thought tonight was a good event to make people aware of one another," said Alvin Summers, Instructor of Gospel and Choir.

"The program was very entertaining as well as spiritually uplifting," said Anthony Braswell, a senior Nursing major from Westmoreland, Tenn. "The choir members were extremely talented and

did an excellent job."

Youree Maddox, a junior Fashion Merchandising major from Union City, Tenn., said, "I believed that we performed very well."

"Equality is still something that is desperately needed and the program brought a diverse group of people together to share an awesome experience," said performer Steven Mitchell, a senior Public Relations major from Memphis, Tenn.

Heather Ivie, a freshmen Athletic Training major from Dyer, Tenn., said, "Black history should be a part of everyone. It shouldn't matter what color we are. We all have overcome obstacles in our lives just as our ancestors did."

"I think we did an amazing job," said performer Mary Cheers, a senior Psychology major from Memphis, Tenn. "I had a great time learning and performing with the choir."

Flutist Tommy Wildcat performs at Civil Rights Conference

Brandon Reed
Staff Writer

Native American Flutist of the Year Tommy Wildcat headlined the American Indian Day as a part of the Fifth Annual Civil Rights Conference.

Wildcat is an accomplished Cherokee flutist from Tahlequah, Okla., who has recorded seven full length albums under the record label Warrior Records. Wildcat is widely known as a traveling flute player, flute maker, lecturer and historical story teller, but most famous for his achievement as the Native American Music Award's Flutist of the Year.

This year's performance included many traditional Cherokee songs which are used to honor elders, family, friends and the heritage of the Cherokee people. Originally, the flute was played by men as a serenade for the women of the tribe, but now it is

more commonly played as a form of Cherokee worship.

Wildcat was unique not only in his style of music, but also in the fact that all of the flutes he plays he made himself. Wildcat is a self-taught flute maker.

UTM History Professor and Cherokee Indian Brent Cox said, "You always make your own instruments because it is sacred and special to you when you play. The wooden instrument is a connection between the earth, the person and the Creator."

"I have never heard anything quite like this. It was amazing," said Diana Foster, a senior Communications major.

The message the Cherokee wanted to leave is that they are real people that really do exist with traditions just like every other culture. Tommy Wildcat entertained with an American Indian touch.

J. J. Kent taught as well as inspired audience

Katie Price
Staff Writer

Culture and history of American Indians were shared with UTM students Tues. afternoon when a Lakota American Indian recording artist spoke during the Civil Rights Conference.

J. J. Kent, a nominee for the Native American Music Awards, began his presentation with the tale of the fat chief and the skinny chief. With this story, he demonstrated the impact of choices on a person's life.

"Stories are a large part of culture because they can explain who the people are," Kent said.

Following his story, Kent amazed the audience with his flute playing.

Asking the audience to close their eyes, he played a song to a hushed and tranquil audience.

"J. J. Kent enlightened the audience at the Civil Rights Conference with traditional Indian stories and soothing flute playing," said Jody Stokes, a Fine Arts major from Humboldt.

He then explained the significance of the colors decorating his flute: black, white, red and yellow, relating them to equality of all people, as each was of equal length on the instrument. He explained that when combined in equal amounts, they produce the color of the sacred pipe.

Kent then imparted to the audience the seven laws of the Lakota. He stressed the importance of living a good life. "Our lives are a child's text book," Kent said.

Of the many lessons Kent

taught the audience, perhaps the most important was that music transcends language barriers.

To conclude the presentation, he played the drum while he sang a song in the Lakota language.

"It was beautiful when he was singing in the Indian language," said Hiromi Sugihara, a freshman Communications major from Kyoto, Japan.

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Contemporary Christian artist Derek Webb rocked UTM campus

Erica Jacobs
Staff Writer

One man, two acoustic guitars and some lighting provided an inspirational concert to a young audience last Wednesday night.

Youth groups, UTM students, young couples and Young Life groups from all over West Tennessee gathered in the Student Life Center to listen to a contemporary style of Christian music by Derek Webb.

When you first hear the lyrics to some of his songs, you might not associate him with Christian music. However, Webb's lyrics provide a relationship between him and the listener. A person can relate to what he is singing; it's almost as if he is telling your story, instead of his. Even with his blue jeans, white t-shirt and tattoos, he gives off a rough, but human-like appearance that many young people look up to.

Between songs, Webb would talk to the audience about how he came to write each song. He talked about how easy it was to spot Christian people. "Unfortunately, it's for all the completely wrong reasons. So many Christians now don't love people. Christians are supposed to be selfless folks," Webb said. "Who did Jesus stay with and love the most? He didn't stay with the Christians. He loved the people who didn't love him. That's what being a Christian is all about."

Tosh Newman, a Young Life leader in Jackson, Tenn., drove himself and several young life kids an hour to see Webb in concert. "The concert was tight. We drove



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Contemporary Christian artist Derek Webb performed Wed., Feb 23, to a large audience on the UTM campus consisting of youth groups, UTM students, young couples and Young Life groups.

all this way because Webb is a big supporter of Young Life. He gives concerts at our camps during the summer," he said.

"It was different from what I expected. This was the first time I heard Derek Webb, but I really liked his style of music," said Bradley Davidson, a Civil

Engineering major.

Webb ended the concert with some of his songs from his latest album that was released in Nov. An upcoming DVD of a concert he gave in Nashville will be released in June.

Memnoch The Devil: The best in the series

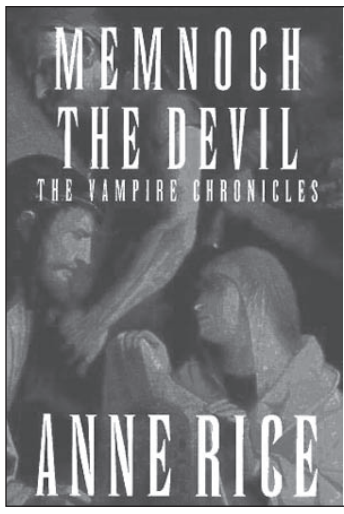
Elizabeth Watts
Assistant A&E Editor

After switching bodies and getting into trouble, a reader would think that Lestat has seen and done it all. In *Memnoch The Devil*, Lestat talks to one person he doesn't believes exist, the Devil himself.

In the beginning of *Memnoch The Devil*, Lestat is following an international criminal named Roger. Lestat plans to kill Roger when he's ready. However, Lestat has also grown to love Roger's daughter, Dora. The whole time Lestat has been following Roger, a being has been following him. For once in his immortal existence, Lestat is scared of the being that is stalking him. Lestat calls on David, now a vampire, to help him rationalize what this being could be. Lestat tells David that he doesn't sense evil from this being, but his form is scary. This being has black wings and the legs of a goat. Lestat thinks that from his appearance, the Devil must be following him.

While killing Roger, Lestat learns through Roger's thoughts that Dora is a woman of God. Lestat feels bad about killing Roger because he knows that Dora will be hurt by her father's death. To Lestat's horror, Roger's spirit appears to Lestat and begs Lestat to look out for Dora and make sure she has everything she would ever want. Lestat runs in fright when the being that has been following him appears and takes Roger away.

Finally, one night, this being appears to Lestat and introduces himself as Memnoch. Memnoch is,



in fact, the Devil and has come to earth to ask Lestat to become his lieutenant in Hell. Memnoch says that he will explain everything there is to know about Heaven and Hell and encourages Lestat to visit Heaven and Hell in an effort to persuade him to join forces with the Devil. Memnoch also says that if Lestat is not moved and inspired to go with him, Lestat has the right to refuse his offer and Memnoch will never bother Lestat again. Lestat tells Memnoch to give him two days to think over Memnoch's proposition and on the second night, Lestat will have his decision.

Lestat talks to David and his old friend Armand about everything that has been happening. Of course, both of them tell Lestat not to go with the Devil because you, of course, can't trust the Devil. Lestat decides that since Dora is a woman of god, he will go to talk to her since she has enough knowledge to guide Lestat toward a decision. After he tells Dora about the Devil coming to visit and everything he said, surprisingly, Dora tells him to go. Dora figured that if Lestat had the right

to refuse his offer, then he didn't really have anything to lose if he went with Memnoch. Out of curiosity, Lestat agrees to go with Memnoch.

Memnoch first takes Lestat to Heaven where Lestat sees the light of God. After being inspired and enraptured by Heaven, Memnoch takes Lestat back down to earth and begins to tell him the story of how the world was formed and how he was cast out of Heaven. He also explained to Lestat how God came down from Heaven to teach the people in Jerusalem how to achieve a place in Heaven. Memnoch next transports Lestat to the day in Jerusalem when Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified. Memnoch explains everything to him. Lestat finally comes to the point where he has to make a decision. However, will Lestat join the Devil or not?

Memnoch the Devil, written in 1995, is Anne Rice's fifth book in the Vampire Chronicles.

Of the five books, *Memnoch the Devil* is my favorite. Each book is great in its own way, but *Memnoch the Devil* takes the reader on a journey through the beginning of creation and gives readers a look into Heaven and Hell. *Memnoch the Devil* is the only book in the Vampire Chronicle Series that a reader could possibly read by itself. The past four books always mentioned something in the previous book, but in *Memnoch the Devil*, Lestat's past doesn't play as prominent a role as in the others.

BeanSwitch art show, Open Mic Thursday night

BeanSwitch, UTM's student literary and visual arts magazine, will sponsor the 2nd Annual See 'n' Say Art Show and Open Mic literary reading on Thurs., March 3 in UC 206. Artists can begin setting up at 7 p.m. and the open mic will begin at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

BeanSwitch is currently accepting submissions of fiction, poetry, non-fiction and art for the spring issue. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 4.

All majors are encouraged to submit literary works electronically via email as a Word document to beanswitch@utm.edu or in the English Department, room 131 of Humanities. A special box will be designated for submissions.

Art submissions may include photographs, illus-

trations, paintings, drawings, graphic illustrations and three-dimensional art.

All submissions must include a cover sheet with your name, best email address and phone number and the title of your work. Please do not include identifying information on the work itself.

For more submission guidelines, go to <http://beanswitch.utm.edu>

Dance Ensemble, master dance class this week

Matt Maxey
Pacer Photographer

The UTM Dance Ensemble is busy putting the final touches on their annual Spring Concert Viva La Vida which they will perform March 9 and 10 in the Fine Arts Building's Harriet Fulton Theater. This year's concert features dances of many different genres and themes.

The dancers, in collaboration with Professor Leslie LeChance and her poetry students, will be interpreting original poems of UTM students, through a series of short vignettes interspersed throughout the larger dance works of the evening. One of the more involved pieces will feature a ballet pas de deux with a corps ensemble of six women dancing to the poem, "Dance Me to The End of Love" with a backdrop of projected and interwoven Matisse paintings to reinforce composer, Leonard Cohen's words and

music.

The UTM Dance Ensemble will demonstrate its technical versatility when they blend Spanish flamenco with Mexican folk dance in a funky, hip-hop/street dance, which will explore the theme of conformity vs. individuality and was conceptualized and choreographed collectively by the dance students. The program will be rounded out with a jazz-comedy duet danced by Victoria Shaw and Justin Paschall, a classic ballet variations for ballet soloist, Kelly Grider, and a surprise performance including audience participation.

The UTM Dance Ensemble will also play host this same week to guest artist, Mr. Ethan Pullman, who will be offering two Master Classes in Salsa, Meringue, and Cha-Cha. The classes are open to all students, staff, faculty, and community, ages 15 and older. Beginner through intermediate levels will be taught. Both classes will be

held in the UC Ballroom.

Class schedule:

Sun., March 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Mon., March 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wear sneakers or comfortable shoes and get ready to have fun! Come alone or with a partner. Men and women are taught separately, then paired up, and rotated, so that everyone gets to practice the steps and patterns with many different partners.

The music is energetic and inspiring enough that you won't want to stop dancing!

Tickets for the UTM Dance Ensemble Spring Concert can be reserved by calling 881-7400.

Tickets for Master Classes are \$5.00 per class, and are available at the door a half hour before classes start. For more information about the salsa master classes, contact UTM Dance Ensemble Director, Professor Claudia Morris at 881-7335 or by e-mail at cmorris@utm.edu.

McCabe Church Choir gave spiritual performance

Tiffany Trice
Staff Writer

The choir from McCabe United Methodist Church began filling Watkins Auditorium with harmonious sounds at 7 p.m. last Thurs.

The choir sang in honor of Black History week here at UTM. The members were dressed in black and white and were lead by their pianist and pastor, Rev. Russell M. Morrow. They began

their performance with an old hymn called, "Come By Here My Lord" followed by "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Still Away." The choir concluded their performance with the upbeat spiritual hymn, "Lay My Burdens By the Riverside."

"We enjoyed being able to be a part of this week's events," said choir member K.K. Brown.

The audience, filled with students, faculty and staff, and local residents, joined

in by clapping and singing as the choir performed four gospel classics. The program was concluded with the keynote speaker for the evening, Fred Grey. "I think the choir performed well and the speaker was very factual," said Alex Atkins, a Junior History major.

The McCabe United Methodist Church is located on Hyndsver Road in Martin.

The Wedding Date: Perfect for girl's night out

Jessica Spicer
Staff Writer

The Wedding Date, starring Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney, is a romantic comedy perfect for a girl's night out.

The Wedding Date is about Kat Ellis, played by Debra Messing, who has a problem at hand. Her younger half-sister Amy, played by Amy Adams, is getting married back home in London, her ex-fiance is the best man and she does not have a date to take her to the wedding. Kat decides she cannot go back home alone to face her family. So with the assistance from Kat's New York magazine editor friend and by use of a recent article on the city's most discreet male escort service, Kat hires Nick Mercer, played by Dermot Mulroney, to be her date.

Knowing that she wants a jealousy inducing beau upon her arm to flash to her family and ex-fiance Jeffrey, played by Jeremy Sheffield, makes the hiring that much easier. However, Mick is not the typical escort. He is a suave looker who knows how to make his clients look good, both for themselves and who they are trying to impress. He is witty and says things like, "I'd miss you even if we'd never met," and he easily has every woman's eyes glued to him.

Kat and Nick take off on their escapade to London in hope of fooling her family. Nick quickly sizes up the family dynamics, particularly the bride to be Amy's childlike tendency to be

The Wedding Date

Director:Clare Kilner
Universal Pictures
Rated: PG-13

★★★★ out of five



demanding and former fiancé Jeffrey's distress at losing the woman he loved and he then begins to boost Kats self confidence.

One drunken bachelorette party later and Kat is bedding Nick. The morning after the incident is when the obviously attracted couple begins to have hurdles placed in the way. Kat's busybody mother, played by Holland Taylor, takes every moment to remind all of the viewers of the recent break

up of her daughter, Kat and Jeffrey while her father tries to keep her mother in order.

Nick and Kat seem to fool everyone with predictable bumps along the way.

This was a cute and enjoyable romantic comedy. The film is a little choppy throughout and it leaves some unanswered questions. However, if you are in the mood for a little love and laughter pick this movie at the box office. I give it three and one half stars.

Deadline for Arts & Entertainment
submissions is Thursday.

Baseball picks up extra-inning win at first home contest, 5-4

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

Skyhawk baseball started its home season off with a 4-3, 10th inning, victory over Martin Methodist College Friday afternoon.

The action started in the second when Methodist scored the first run after a passed ball on UTM catcher Chris Rezabeck put a MMC runner in scoring position. A single to right brought him in and put MMC up 1-0.

Methodist increased their lead in the top of the third on two singles and two sacrifices, bringing the score to 3-0.

The UTM offense came alive during its half of the inning when shortstop Jason Moore and left fielder Zane Gresback got on base on a pair of walks.

After an error put Moore on third, center fielder Zack Dean doubled down the right field line, knocking in the two base runners. Second baseman Nick Bruner then singled to center field to bring in Dean, tying the score at 3-all.

Both teams were scoreless until the top of the fifth when Methodist first baseman Jesse Thorton homered to put the

Redhawks back on top, 4-3.

The Skyhawks seemed unable to mount the comeback until the bottom of the ninth, only being able to muster up two hits in the sixth, seventh, and eighth combined.

Gresback got the playing started in the ninth by doubling to left center and then reaching third on a force out at first by Bruner.

Right fielder Nick Luper walked and reached second on a poor decision by Methodist catcher Mark Nichting who, when Luper and Gresback both got a lead off, attempted to throw out Luper. This allowed Gresback to steal home, sending the game into extra innings.

The 10th inning started with the Redhawks not being able to connect for any hits, and only having one baserunner who reached on an error.

The Skyhawks took to the plate and after a left field pop-out by Hideaki Sato, who replaced Bruner in the batting line-up, a pinch-hit double by Douglas Nicodemus found UTM with a runner in scoring position.

Keeping his momentum from the ninth, Gresback played the hero yet again, tacking on another hit to



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Skyhawk shortstop Jason Moore slides headfirst into second base during Friday's home victory over the Martin Methodist College Redhawks.

bring in Nicodemus for the win.

"I'm just happy to have gotten the start and have the opportunity to contribute," said Gresback on his performance Friday.

Dean had the most RBI's for UTM with two, and Bruner also brought in one with his

two hits.

Martin native Micky Dobson picked up the win, pitching four relief innings, giving up just one hit and one walk to the 15 batters he faced.

He relieved Justin Bryant who pitched six strong innings, allowing only one

walk and ten hits to 29 Redhawks.

The win over MMC puts the Skyhawks record at 1-4, after dropping a three-game series to Louisiana-Monroe and one game to Vanderbilt.

The Skyhawks travel today to face the Arkansas State at 3 p.m.

They will then return home for a single game against Memphis on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and a three game series against Western Illinois over the weekend. Both the double-header on Saturday and the single game on Sunday start at noon.

Women take Panthers, fall to Redhawks in regular season finales

Brad Hurt
Staff Writer

The UTM women's basketball team picked up a crucial conference road win Thursday night against the Eastern Ky. Lady Colonels, 73-62.

The first half was a classic battle, with the largest lead belonging to the Skyhawks at 20-14. The teams both played aggressive defense, leading to sloppy offensive possessions.

The half appeared destined to end in a tie when a foul was called against the Skyhawks on a three-point attempt with 0.4 seconds remaining on the clock.

The three free throws that followed snapped the tie and gave the Panthers a 33-30 halftime edge. After two free throws to open the second-half scoring extended the EIU lead to 35-30, Andreika Jackson sparked a 7-0 Skyhawk run.

A ten-point swing in the first five minutes of the half turned the early five-point deficit into a five-point lead. From there, the Skyhawks claimed complete control of the game.

The Skyhawks' stifling defense held the Panthers without a field goal through the first 9:00 of the half.

An 8-0 burst gave the Skyhawks their largest lead at 52-38 with less than 12:00 left in the game.

Eastern Illinois responded with an 8-0 run of its own to force a UTM timeout with 8:45 left and the Skyhawks leading by six points, 52-46.

Jenny Lannom scored to increase the lead to 61-52 with less than five minutes left.

"We've got to have a killer instinct to get teams down by 15 and then take it to 20," said coach Tansil.

The Skyhawks were a perfect 12-of-12 from the free throw line.

Deina Willingham, a 49-percent free throw shooter on the season, knocked down 6-of-6 while scoring a career-high 18 points. She also pulled down eight rebounds.

Willingham was joined by three other UTM scorers in double figures.

Although they attempted more free throws than the Skyhawks, the Panthers only made 73 percent of their attempts.



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Senior Chandra Carey weaves around the SEMO defender in Saturday night's regular season final game.

The Skyhawks also held an advantage in shooting from the floor and on the boards, out-shooting the Panthers, 48 percent to 43 percent, and grabbing 32 rebounds to EIU's 28.

The Skyhawks' pesky defense forced 22 Panther turnovers, eight more than they committed on offense.

The team's success was due in large part to

the emergence of its role players after leading scorer Andreika Jackson picked up two early fouls in the first half.

"Our bench stepped up and played really well for us tonight," said UTM coach Tara Tansil.

The win pushed the Skyhawks' OVC record to 8-7, good enough for a fourth-place tie with a road game at SEMO remaining.

UTM Sports Information

UTM senior Jenny Lannom scored a career-high 20 points Saturday against host Southeast Missouri State, but it wasn't enough for the Skyhawks to upset the Redhawks in the regular season finale for both teams.

SEMO's Tatiana Conceicao led all scorers with 23 points and 12 rebounds and led her team to a 76-63 win over the Skyhawks.

Conceicao came off the bench and went 6-for-15 from the field and 11-for-12 at the free throw line.

SEMO claimed a 38-31 lead at halftime, but the Skyhawks battled back early in the first half and cut the deficit to two, 38-36, when Deina Willingham scored two of her 13 points with 17:50 to play.

SEMO went on a 16-5 run and led 56-41 with 12:49 to play. Tiffanne Ryan capped off the run with a three-pointer.

Ryan finished the game with 14 points for SEMO.

In the first half SEMO hit just one three-pointer out of nine attempts. In the second half, SEMO knocked down four three-pointers. The Redhawks took 23 attempts from beyond the arch.

The Skyhawks lost the rebounding battle (37-28) and committed 25 turnovers in the game.

The Skyhawks loss combined with Tennessee State's win over Jacksonville State drops the Skyhawks to sixth in the final Ohio Valley Conference regular season standings.

The Skyhawks finish the regular season with a 9-18 overall record and an 8-8 worksheet under the direction of first-year head coach Tara Tansil.

The Skyhawks will advance to the OVC tournament. They travel to Cookeville where they will meet No. 3 seeded Tennessee Tech today in the tournament's first round.

"Whoever we end up playing in the OVC tournament has beaten us once, so we've got to go and get those wins back," said Tansil.

Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m.

Top-seeded Eastern Ky. will be taking on eighth ranked Murray State today at 4:30 p.m. in Richmond, Ky.

Men drop final two games to Eastern Illinois, Southeast Missouri

UTM Sports Information

Eastern Illinois senior Andy Gobczynski hit four free throws in the final 28 seconds of the game to lead the host Panthers to a 72-68 come-from-behind win over

Tennessee-Martin.

"I was proud of our effort and intensity," said Bret Campbell, the Skyhawks head coach. "We battled hard, but unfortunately we came out on the short end once again."

Campbell said the difference in the game was probably the last eight minutes.

"We allowed too much dribble penetration and we allowed them to get to the basket way too easy."

The Skyhawks enjoyed a nine-point lead, 59-50, with 8:30 to play in the contest, but EIU used an 18-9 run to tie the game at 68-68 with 59 seconds to play. Emanuel Dildy hit a jumper to knot the game.

Gobczynski gave the Panthers the lead with 28 seconds to play when he hit the first of his four free throws. He was fouled by the Skyhawks' Cleve Woodfork.

The Skyhawks had a chance to tie the game at 70-70, but senior Justin Smith's jumper was blocked by Josh Gomes and Gobczynski came up with the rebound.

Tyler George fouled Gobczynski with five seconds left and Gobczynski hit both free throws to seal the win.

Bobby Catchings led EIU with 22 points. Gobczynski finished the game with seven points.

Sophomore Will Lewis led the Skyhawks with 15 points and six rebounds.

Jared Newson finished the game with 13 points and seven rebounds, while Jason Thompson added 11 points and senior Justin Smith

tossed in 10 points.

The Skyhawks closed out their 2004-05 basketball season with a 72-52 setback to host Southeast Missouri State Saturday night in the Show Me Center.

SEMO's Dainmon Gonner scored a game-high 24 points to lead the Redhawks to the win. Gonner hit 10-of-19 attempts from the field. He also grabbed five rebounds.

The Skyhawks trailed 26-25 at halftime, but raced out in front 31-28 with quick baskets by Cleve Woodfork, Newson and Lewis to open the second half.

SEMO's Derek Winans hit a jumper with 16:53 to go in the game to even things at

33-33.

SEMO closed out the game with a 16-3 run over the last five minutes.

Newson led the Skyhawk's scoring with 19 points, while Lewis finished with 18 points. Newson went 6-for-15 from the field and seven-for-seven from the free throw line.

As a team, UTM was perfect at the free throw line on 16 attempts.

The Skyhawk men's team, which losses three seniors to graduation --- Chris Carter, Tyler George and Justin Smith --- finishes the season with a 6-21 won-loss record and a 3-13 worksheet in the Ohio Valley Conference.

2004-2005 Men's Basketball Final Results

Overall Record: 6-21
Conference Record: 3-13

15 games decided by a 7 point or less difference

Skyhawk men, women’s tennis gets underway with two OVC victories

Heather Roland
Staff Writer

The UTM tennis teams have always strived to be the best, and this year is no exception. The teams are already off to a good start this spring semester by defeating Austin Peay this past Saturday. The women’s team won by a score of 6–1, and the men’s team won by a score of 4–3. This brings their spring semester record to 2-0. Each year individuals from around the world are chosen to become UTM tennis players where they will be involved in a year-round season packed with extensive practices and intensive matches. UTM tennis coach Dennis Taylor says the teams practice everyday. Their practice consists of two and a half hours of on-the-court

practice and one hour of conditioning and weight training. Taylor also said that each player is involved in summer tennis camps and UTM tennis’ “survivor week.” “Survivor week” is one week in summer in which the players are not allowed to leave the tennis court. They literally eat, sleep and, of course, practice on the courts. Taylor has very high expectations for both teams on and off the court this year. The ultimate on-the-court goal is to win the Ohio Valley Conference where they will compete against the top eight OVC teams. The women’s team, however, also wishes to get a good national ranking by competing in the NCAA rounds. Taylor also expects all the members of his teams to excel in their studies, be on the

dean’s list and have the highest GPA ranking of any organization including the Honors Department. While every team has their wins and losses, not every team shares a close-knit relationship to help each other get through good and bad times. Taylor said that each player has respect for one another and hopes for success in each other’s lives. Taylor said, “It’s more like a family, than a team.” Although big competitors such as Samford, Morehead and Murray State lie ahead in the teams’ distant future, UTM tennis will still strive to succeed. However, it is also important that the student body of UTM get involved. Taylor wants students to come out and see how talented these players really are.



Skyhawk women’s tennis player Sari Nojrte uses a two-handed backhand to return the ball to the APSU opponent.

UTM @ Austin Peay Results (UTM winners only listed)			
Men’s Doubles	Men’s Singles	Women’s Doubles	Women’s Singles
Dirk Prinsloo/Ben Hatchwell (UTM) def. Cody Wall/Brett Bolton; 8–6. Chris Slabbert/Danny McGuire (UTM) def. Wes Pancho/Patrick Puertolas; 8–1.	Gustavo Anzola (UTM) def. Ankur Singla; 6-4, 6-3 Danny McGuire (UTM) def. Nabil Lababedi; 6-3, 6-4 Chris Slabbert (UTM) def. Patrick Puertolas; 6-3, 5-7, 7-5	Jeanne de Wet/Gayatri Ramesh (UTM) def. Elizabeth Whelpley/Jessica Hawk; 8-4 Sari Nortje/ Katrina Domela (UTM) def. Isabel Rzezniczek/Avana Carere; 8-3 Elizma Schoonees/Elly Shearman (UTM) def. Mackenzie Kurth/ Jenica Proctor; 8-1	Sari Nortje (UTM) defeated Elizabeth Whelpley; 6-2, 6-0 Jeanne de Wet (UTM) defeated Jessica Hawk; 7-5, 6-1 Gayatri Ramesh (UTM) defeated Avana Carere; 6-0, 6-1 Elizma Schoonees (UTM) defeated Mackenzie Kurth; 6-0, 6-0

Skyhawk of the Week

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

Sophomore Jaymi Collar and junior Zane Gresback have been named “Skyhawk of the Week” for the weeks of Feb. 22-28 and March 1-7, respectively. Collar, the sophomore Blairsville, Ga. native, was named to the Air Rifle All-OVC team. This is the second year in a row that Collar has been named to the All-OVC team. She recently shot a 586 at the OVC tournament at Morehead State, where the UTM team finished fourth. Her score was good enough for third place in the championship. Last year when she was named to the team, Collar shot a 386 in 40 shots. This year, her score was after 60

shots. Gresback, the junior college transfer from Riverton, Wyo., led the Skyhawks to their first victory in the 2005 season over the Martin Methodist College Indians on Friday afternoon. The junior communications major went 2-3 at the plate with two runs and one RBI. He stole home to tie the game and also knocked in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th



inning. Friday’s game was the first start for the left fielder as a Skyhawk.

If you have a Skyhawk in mind for next week’s recipient, e-mail your suggestion to

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SPORTS INFORMATION
Junior baseball team member Zane Gresback

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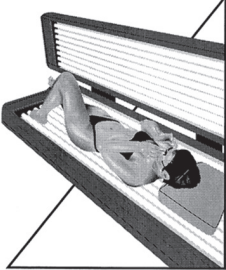
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